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SUBJECT: ILLEGAL ARMS SHIPMENTS TO NORTHERN IRELAND

REF: STATE 227306

1. EMBASSY CONCURS IN NOVEMBER 24 TO DECEMBER 3 VISIT OF DONALD ZIMMERMAN OF BATF. HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT EUROPA FOR MR. AND MRS. ZIMMERMAN ARE CONFIRMED.
2. KELVIN WHITE, HEAD OF FCO REPUBLIC OF IRELAND DEPARTMENT, IS AWARE OF ZIMMERMAN VISIT PLANS AND WILL HOST LUNCHEON FOR HIM NOVEMBER 26. THIS CAN BE PRECEDED BY BRIEFING SESSION WITH APPROPRIATE EMBASSY OFFICERS.
3. RE VISIT TO NORTHERN IRELAND--EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO ZIMMERMAN VISIT TO NORTHERN IRELAND, ALTHOUGH SITUATION THERE REMAINS UNSTABLE. SINCE NORTHERN IRELAND SECURITY MATTERS (INCLUDING CONTROL OF RUC) ARE BASICALLY MANAGED BY BRITISH AUTHORITIES IN LONDON, HOWEVER, WE JUDGE THAT MOST USEFUL SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE HERE. THIS IS SOMETHING ZIMMERMAN MIGHT WISH TO DECIDE AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH BRITISH AUTHORITIES IN LONDON. IF IT DECIDED TO MAKE VISIT TO NORTHERN IRELAND, WE BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE TO TRAVEL BY COMMERCIAL AIR.

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